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EDITORIALS

An editor with a lot on his mind often fails to get around to writing Editorials. You put it aside, and of a sudden it is too late. We should know! So, most of the time, we fill most of our editorial space with the selected opinions of other editors. We make for excuse for the practice, for we know of few things more informative than a weekly round-up of carefully chosen editorial opinion.

But this week is an exception. It is National Newspaper Week. The least any editor could do on such a Week is compose his own editorials. That we try to do on this page today.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

"Mourn not for the dead,
Who in the soft earth lie;
Ashes to ashes, and dust to dust,
Even as you and I;
Mourn rather for the cowardly meek,
Who know the world's wrongs,
but dare not speak."

This is National Newspaper Week. We have an over-abundance of "Weeks." The thing is over done. Mayors, Governors and even the President, keep busy signing proclamations for "special weeks." In October there will be about fifteen.

Newspaper is written in the way of life of the American people, not in proclamations. A free press is the cornerstone of what we have and are.

Consider this: Some wondered at the fanatical bravery of the North Korean Reds. Wave after wave of them, even as had the Japs during World War II, charged to certain death. Why? Because their minds had been twisted and they believed they were doing a wonderful thing to save their homes and families from horrible invaders! The Reds did not have a free press. They believed what they saw in black and white, not knowing that it was all twisted up. Even this week, the Red Koreans were being told of great battles for Seoul, and other phantoms of the imagination. Try it the other way around: Suppose our newspapers and radio told us that an enemy had invaded California, had ravaged her cities and people, and was dashing on toward the Mississippi! What panic would grip us. How frantically we would muster every weapon and—we too—in waves would charge into the mouths of machine guns! Where there is no freedom of the press, you can create a fanatical army of fabulous heroism—for any cause, right or wrong!

American newspapers are free! American newspapers survive not by handouts or subsidies, but by their sheer competitive merit! They are accepted as accurate and they have the faith and good will of the public. Business spends millions of dollars to have its advertising published in American newspapers, because it is easily the best and the cheapest way to sell goods! Americans believe in their newspapers. A number of papers have editorial policies and creeds with which we are in complete disagreement; but the news columns are something else and we even glory in the right of the guy who publishes editorials with which we disagree.

So, this National Newspaper Week, the newspapers of American newspapers come before you asking no favors and proudly independent; and proud, too, to part of a great and basic principle which has made the American way of life possible. Many things change from time to time and generation to generation. Freedom of the press must never change.

POSITION IN THE PAPER

We would not know about the Editorial page, but we venture to state that several other pages in our newspaper are read more closely than the front page. So we agree with the following from the Newton, N. C. Catawba News-Enterprise:

"Time was, said the editor of the Ticonderoga, New York, newspaper recently, when news was brought into the newspaper office with the request that it be given a "front page position." That attitude is rapidly passing, and the request now is usually for a "good spot."

"The reason for this, the editor continued, is that with improved make-up and attention to the inside pages of a newspaper, oftentimes they are more closely read than the front page.

"It has been interesting to note that, while the average reader will give the front page a cursory glance, the closest attention often turns immediately to an inside page. The comics often engage the reader first. Many readers turn directly to sports,and women readers often turn to the society page or 'personal' columns.

"In a number of instances (and these readers warm the editorial writer's heart,) the editorial page gets primary attention. Many readers turn directly to columns in which they are particularly interested, and many give the advertisements first attention.

"In short, there are as many different reading habits as there are readers. But in the individual, the pattern usually persits from paper to paper.

"Because of these facts, it seems here that the New York newspaper editor correctly interpreted the modern trend—'give me a good spot' because the time is definitely here when every page of a newspaper must have eye and reader appeal to meet the demand of the public.

"Which is the 'best' page usually depends upon the nature of the material, and the class or group of readers to which it is directed."

TOAST OF THE TOWN

So great is the American stage, that like a moth around a flame, you twinkle and strut in the limelight a moment and they yield the spotlight to others. But that one moment in the American spotlight! It is the dream of millions! It is a fabulous thing, and once achieved is precious for all time to to the person or persons involved—as the public rushes on to crown new heroes.

Consider the Phillies.

The Phillies are the entry of the City of Brotherly Love in the National League. The Phillies won the pennant in 1915. Since then they lounged in the basement, slept in the cellar—they lost ball games.

The Philadelphia American League team games and pennants occisionally—and Connie Mack became a great man. But not the Phils. They cowered under the cognomen of The Phutile Phils! No less.

Then a year or so ago, new faces appeared among the Phillies. Herb Pennock helped with the front office for new owners. And the lowly Phils moved up. The pennant seemed won two weeks ago. Then came the Korean war to take one of their best pitchers; other players showed the wear and tear of a tough campaign—and what ten days ago appeared a safe lead, all but vanished.

And so it was that the last game of the schedule came up, and the Phillies need victory to grab their first pennant in 35 years! And who in the pathway, blocking the door? Ah, the powerful Bums of Brooklyn! The Mighty Dodgers! One of the great teams of baseball!

And so it was, that when the lads from the cellar, the Phutile Phils came through in a thrilling season-final game, the nation took them to its expansive if fickle heart.

Meet the heroes: the Phillies!

But, ah, fame is fleeting! Now the world series— and now to face the awesome New York Yankees! Pity our young heroes! If they lose, some will pass it up by saying: well, you are not supposed to beat the Yanks anyway. But, if the miracle happens and the Phillies down the Yanks, in the world series, there will be no way out but a Sawyer - Roberts ticket.

FOR 19 YEARS!

Since we are "talking shop" as a part of National Newspaper Week, we might mention that another September has gone by. To us, that means that we have put into the record books another year of newspaper publishing. The present publisher of the Times-Virginian came to Appomattox in September, 1931. So, for 19 of its 58 years, the paper has been under its present ownership.

Lest we take any credit for the fact that the Times-Virginian has grown since 1931, let us observe that about everything else in Appomattox has grown since 1931! What we [illegible] is trying to keep pace! This year we will use about six times as much newsprint paper in publishing this newspaper as was used in 1931. We think that ratio of increase is typical of the growth of our community.

Nineteen years in Appomattox! May we find the strength to keep on a few more years!

And may we continue to grow as our comomunity grows. We have no desire to go back to the economic conditions of 1931. But we are exceeding proud to be one of a generation which pulled itself out of the stagnant mire of depression.

ASIA'S POPULATION

Hope that the status of the war effort in Korea portends a settlement of the vexing situation will run strongly in most American minds.

It would be a horrible tragedy if the United States, with or without United Nations support, was drawn into a war with the great masses of humanity on the Asiatic mainland.

It would be a war different from anything in our history. There could be no winner.

Many Americans do not realize the vast number of teeming millions in Asia. A recent poll asked the public about the population total of China. Twenty-one per cent thought it was less than 100 million! Twenty-six per cent answered quite frankly that they had no idea: just did not know. The correct answer was 462 million!

But, leaving aside our ignorance; consider, if you will, the fabulous mass of humanity of China! Four hundred and sixty-two millions of people. Three times the population of the United States!

And to that add the more than 300 million in India; the others in Thailand, Indochina, Koorea, and the nearly 100 million in Japan! And add in Siberia.

We have no manpower for any such war. We have nothing to win, everything to lose.

We are inclined to favor the UN effort to unite all of Korea, north and south under one government. UN troops may have to remain in Korea until things settle down sufficiently to have an election and to build up a true government. And if other Red forces attack in Korea, they shall have to be met. But we pray that more fighting will not be necessary, and above all, we hope that nothing will draw us into a war with the main body of Asia's teeming population.

AN ITEM ON PASTORS

Your editor is the son of a minister of the gospel, and is partial to all of that occupation. We are "for' all ministers—of whatever faith.

Liberty Baptist Church, here at Appomattox, is one of the countless churches blessed with outstanding ministers. When the writer came to Appomattox in 1931, the lovable W. M. Thompson was pastor at Liberty. He was a successful pastor during times of hardship and depression. He was followed by Dr. M. A. MacLean. Here was a genuine scholar, a gifted pulpit orator and a cheerful soul. And after his death, the church was so fortunate as to secure as its pastor, that peerless orator and talented Virginian, H. Frederick Jones. His wholesome love of his fellow man and his talents as a preacher made his retirement from the active ministry a loss to his denomination. Then in 1946, Liberty secured as pastor, the Rev. J. Marshall Walker, shining light among the younger ministers in the Baptist denomination. The Rev. Walker to Appomattox with the enthusiasm of youth, the talents of skill and personality, and the training provided by outstanding schools. These assets he devoted with all vigor to the activity of the church and the community. His enthusiam was matched by the confidence and faith of his congregation, and accomplishments succedded each other in rapid file. It is with regret that we hear that Liberty Church is to lose its pastor, who feels called to accept the leadership of another congregation. He will have our prayers and highest regards as he leaves Appomattox.

We trust that the high standards set by such shepherds as Thompson, MacLean, Jones and Walker may become a criterion.

These words apply with equal bearing to other congregations in our town and county. Truly, if we go to pot, it will not be for any fault of the Under Shepherd!

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Play safe—drive carefully.

Duke will play Tennessee Saturday.

Phillies' pitching staff weakened for world series test.

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FREEZER LOCKERS ENABLE FARMERS TO SLAUGHTER EARLY

Freezer lockers, and facilities for cooling refrigeration, have made it possible for farmers to slaughter animals at their best rather than waiting for cold weather.

George Herring, animal husbanrman at V. P. I., says beef animals are likely to be at their best for slaughter either when they come off grass in September or early October, or after several months of grain feeding in January or February.

He warns farmers not to delay slaughtering grass-finished animals too long. At the time of slaughter, animals should be gaining in weight, so grass-finished animals should be killed before pasture becomes scarce and of low quality.

Animals that will grade "Good" at time of slaughter produce an excellent product for home use. They have enough finish for quality, and are not wasty. Two-year-olds, yearlings, or early calves of beef breeding are all good. Older animals have more beef flavor; younger ones may be more tender.

Heifers are satisfactory for farm slaughter—they fatten earlier than steers and usually have less sale value. Winter and early spring heifer calves of beef breeding that weigh about 600 pounds in the fall are good for farm slaughter. Calves of dairy breeding, however, are best slaughtered as veal. usually at a weight of about 180 pounds.

Cool the beef carcass quickly after slaughter. If the weather won't cool the meat, get it to refrigeration.

Herring warns against overloading locker boxes. Home units are built primarily for storage; and while they may do an acceptable job of freezing a limited numoer of packages, they won't quick - freeze packages packed tightly. Packages for freezing should be cooled before they are put in the unit, and then properly spaced.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

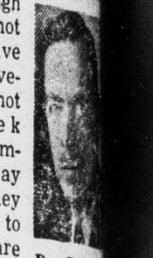
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:24-25; M 1:16-20; Philippians 1:19-26.
DEVOTIONAL READING: I John 1-12.

Giving Yourself

Lesson for October 8, 1950

"WHEN a girl throws herse away on a man, she genera ly takes pretty careful aim."

That may be so; but more than few persons throw themselves clea away without taking aim at al They amble through life, they do not march. They have no personal five-year plans, not even five-week plans. They stumble from one day to the next, they live from hand to mouth. They care for nobody and few care for them. They may be found on Skid Row, living from one handout to another, or they may be found in the Silver Spoon Club, with plenty of money but no idea how to spend it and hardly enough energy to waste it.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A Man Gives Himself

MOST people, however, do give themselves to something. Every man who amounts to something, gives himself in one way or another. There was a college student once who practiced nineteen hours a day on the piccolo, it was said. Naturally he couldn't stay in college at that rate, so they got rid of him. But he landed, as you might expect, in one of America's finest orchestras.

If you want to succeed in music, give yourself to music. If you want to succeed in a law course, give yourself to your books. Men usually give themselves to what they think is of greatest value. Some give themselves; that is to say, they devote themselves to their own comfort and happiness.

That is cheap and selfish, of course, but there is a kind of transferred selfishness which is almost as common; giving oneself to one's family to the exclusion of everything and every one else. A good man will love his family, a good mother her children; but there is a kind of ingrown family affection and mother-love which is blind to community needs.

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Down the River

THERE are bad ways of giving oneself. A prophet once said of King Ahab, he sold himself to do evil. That is still done. Some give themselves up to liquor and gambling.

There have been quite selfless and tireless advocates of atheism, and communism, and all varieties. Men have worn themselves thin in the service of Hitler and of other tyrants. If the energy and persistence, for example, which is spent in trying to prevent the humane use of unwanted animals in medical research, were spent in intelligent support of preventive medicine, how much better the world would be!

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Say Yes to Christ

SO the question is not so much, Shall I give my life? The question is, To what? To whom? For three months these Bible studies consider "Growth in Christian Living." All growth starts at some point; and Christian growth starts at the point where the Christian gives himself to Christ and his cause.

Consider what "commitment to Christ" means. It is not sentimental devotion to his memory, it is not singing songs about him or to him. (Not that such songs are wrong!) It is not following a historical character, though Jesus was and is a real person. It is saying "Yes" to Jesus Christ. It is giving one's highest devotion, one's first loyalty, to the Son of God.

It is devotion to the living Christ, ever-present; to the One whose reign is destined to be over all. It is devotion to Christ's cause; to his Kingdom, his control, his way of life. It means growing into his mind; it means becoming more and more like him, wanting to be like him, till at last Paul's words come true again: "For me, to live is Christ."

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You Get More than You Give

IT IS a mistake to think that if one gives his life to Christ, then he cannot give his life to anything else. The astonishing truth is, when a person first gives himself to Christ, he finds that Christ gives back far more. Christians can be, and are, devoted scholars and business men and mothers and doctors and farmers. The more truly one is committed to Christ, the better he is likely to be at his job, whatever it is.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Oct. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. James Guill, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sears.

Mrs. Joe Goin is now back at home and feeling splendid after her treatment in the Richmond Medical College Hospital.

The Junior Boys' Choir of the Presbyterian Home, Lynchburg, with Mrs. Bain, gave several beautiful selections at the morning worship of the Hixburg Presbyterian Church. One selection especially lovely, was "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Mrs. Bain gave a short sketch of the work that is being done for the children of the Home and of what the Home consists. They have just had a terrific loss by fire a few weeks ago, destroying the laundry and furnace. The work that is being done for these boys and girls, in the training of their minds, bodies and spiritual development, is nothing short of a miracle. All who contribute to this home play a big part in the worth while work. The choir promises to come again soon.

Mrs. Bain, her sister, Miss Bowen, from West Virginia; the choir boys and Dr. T. W. Williams were guests for a picnic lunch given at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Covington after the service.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall and Mrs. C. B. Carson were in Farmville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Singleton, of Darlington Heights; Otis Gilliam, of Prospect, and Dr. T. W. Williams, of Appomattox were callers last week in the Marshall home.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall spent a few hours with Mrs. Joel Watkins Monday.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Oct. 3.- The community was saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Joel Inge.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents. Those who called in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples and Karry White; Mrs. J. W. Glover.

Gregory Ferguson, of Lynchburg and A. B. Ferguson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey and Roberta and Lewis Harvey and Miss Shirley Austin spent Sunday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Herbert Deadman, of Petersburg.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover spent Sunday with Miss Doris Austin.

Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover and Herbert Greene were Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Finchum and family, of Farmville.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson, of Pamplin called to see Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and Donald spent Sunday with his brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds, of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Montgomery have returned home after a trip to Georgia.

Mrs. Green Garrett and Mrs. G. W. Glover spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Oct. 3.- The Presbyterian Quarterly Conference met Monday at the Beale Memorial Church.

Mrs. A. J. Fore, of Petersburg spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nash, of Newport News spent Sunday with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Acree Southall, of Farmville Saturday.

Mrs. Wiley Richardson and Mrs. J. M. Cobb recently visited the former's brother, G. A. Fore, who is a patient in the Lynchburg Hospital.

Mrs. Butler Longsworth, of Martinsville is visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brockwell, of Newport News were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples, of Evergreen.

William Swan left Sunday for Newport News, where he expects to spend several weeks.

The W. M. S. of Elon Baptist Church met Wednesday P. M. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Elam.

Barter Theatre Players on tour of Virginia towns.

Notre Dame scores in final moments to ease by North Carolina in close football game played at South Bend, Ind.

Moscow papers finally print news of defeat at Seoul.

Prince Hoards Jewels Worth 20 Million

DARBHANGA RAJ, India—There is one man in the world who could cover himself with jewels and have enough left to deck out several other persons, if he was so inclined. In fact, his jewels are estimated to be worth $20,000,000.

He is the Maharajadhiraj of Darbhanga, one of the few remaining Indian princes who has more money than he knows what to do with. His brother nobles, many of whom now owe him money, lost their jewel hoards, palaces, fleets of motor cars and other properties when the government of India took over recently.

The Maharajadhiraj, however, had no state and he was not affected. His jewels, his lands, his cars and his palaces are his own, and while the government would like to whittle him down, as a member of the parliament he is able to look after his interests.

Owns Famous Necklace

The impending abolition of absentee landlordism in India will take something away from him as he is the biggest of all, but he figures to keep upwards of 20,000 acres that are not tenant-farmed. Anyway, it said that if he lost every inch of his land holdings and never earned another rupee from his many other enterprises, his present accumulated fortune would support his family and his 22,000 employees for four generations.

His treasure of jewels includes the famous Marie Antoinette necklace, purchased at auction for 60,000 pounds, from which he removed the laigest diamond because it had a black spot.

He also owns the world's largest emerald, which was purchased by his father from a fugitive Nepalese prince for $180,000 but is thought to be worth four times that today.

Among his means of transport in addition to solid silver carriages, Rolls Royces and a private railway car are nine airplanes.

His palaces contain astonishing gewgaws collected by succeeding generations with varying kinds of taste. In one room, where thrones with frameworks made of enormous ivory tusks are flanked by four huge stuffed tigers, the walls are lined with distorting mirrors, like a Coney Island "fun house."

Carriage of Silver

One of the bedrooms contains two four-poster bedsteads of solid ivory, carved in delicate filigree. There are ivory tables mounted on rhinoceros feet, and thrones of solid silver cushioned with gold-worked red plush.

In the stables, the visitor is shown a carriage fifteen feet high, meant to be pulled by four elephants. Except the wooden wheels, this vehicle is solid silver, trimmed in pure gold. There are three slightly smaller silver carriages, designed to be horse-drawn.

The Darbhanga dynasty lost its state because of its attitude toward the British. Considering the British something like untouchables, one Maharajadhiraj forced the British representative to stand well away from him and downwind so that his person would not pollute the breeze. After a little of this treatment the British took over the state, which drastic punishment turned out to be the economic salvation of the present Maharajadhiraj. Had he been still ruling, the government of India would have taken over his wealth.

Anything Can Get Into Woman's Hair These Days

ROME, Italy — The International College of Hairdressers had their annual convention in Rome recently and proved, if nothing else, anything can get in a woman's hair these days.

They put on a demonstration of evening hair styles with 20 models which used everything from dye to daisies. About the only things that were not popular were long hair and dark brunets.

Almost everything that came to hand went into the masterpieces. There was hair with egret feathers; hair with lace; hair with orchids. Artificial butterflies were used and feathers and metallic leaves.

In almost every case the hair was either dressed with jewels or sparkling with tiny brilliants.

The hairdressers from seven countries seemed unanimous on the short hair style—with ears right out in the open—and on their preference for blond, red haired and silver gray models.

More and More People Order Video for Bedroom

CHICAGO—More and more people are watching television in bed, so says a large furniture company.

As a result the sale of mattresses, pillows, and bed springs are booming. The announcement was made at the summer home-furnishings market held in Chicago.

L. Gerald Kock said, "Television is exercising an influence on the bedroom, just like it has in the living room."

Designers are showing more and more convertible bedroom equipment to meet the demand for a parlor atmosphere in the bedroom.

Richwood

Richwood, Oct. 4.- "America was built on the sacrificial effort of men and women who crossed the seas, subdued a wilderness and brought forth an entirely new system of government dedicated to the revolutionary belief that all men are intrinsically worthy of respect. If system of government is to endure, at least the great majority of Americans must continually prove its validity —by being worthy of respect." —Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Gobble and children, of Baltimore were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Handy and family.

Mrs. J. D. Cawthorne and children, of Lynchburg visited with Miss Estella Wooldridge and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and E. R. Davis and son, of Lynchburg were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis were guests of Miss Estella Wooldridge and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mrs. Pugh's parents Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh, of Rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Joy, of Richmond spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fleshman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, of Takoma Park, Md., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brown.

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Now—with school putting extra demands on young eyes, and days getting shorter—is a good time to check your home for lighting conditions. Remember that good general illumination is important, with special lighting properly directed to work and study areas, without glare.

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